



**Local Priest:** Fr. Jim Lenihan, P.P. **PARISH OFFICE:** Closed until 12th January.  
**Parish Office:** St. Agatha's Parish Centre, Headford, Killarney. V93 XOC2.  
**Office Hours :** Mon/Tues 10am to 3pm to book Masses, Baptisms, Weddings.  
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**GBC Radio:** 98.6fm for all Masses from Glenflesk Church.

### **Masses: Saturday 27th Dec to Sunday 4th Jan**

#### **St. Agatha's, Glenflesk:**

Saturday 27th	6.00pm	Kitty & Richie Moroney, Minish (Anni)
Thursday 1st	7.30pm	Patricia Daly, Tullaha, Glenflesk (Anni)
Friday 2nd	7.30pm	Kevin Casey, Dunmore East & Gortahoosh.
Saturday 3rd	6.00pm	Noel O'Connell, Garries (Anni)
		Peter Dennehy, Knockanes (Anni)

#### **Our Lady of the Wayside, Clonkeen:**

Sunday 28th	9.30am	Mass
Sunday 4th	9.30am	Mass

#### **Sacred Heart, Barraduff:**

Sunday 28th	11.00am	Michael & Nora Moynihan, Headford (Anni)
		Tim & Bridie Galvin, Raheen (Anni)
		& their daughter Joan Galvin.
Sunday 4th	11.00am	Mass for the priests buried in the grounds of Barraduff Church.
		Jack & Masie Sheehan, Knockanimirish (40th Anni)

**PRIEST ON DUTY THIS WEEKEND:** Fr. Jim Lenihan 087 1081588

**PRIEST ON DUTY WEEKDAYS:** Monday Fr. Kieran O'Brien 087 6501998

Tuesday to Friday Fr. Jim Lenihan 087 1081588

### **NOTICES**

**COLLECTIONS:** Offertory: €2,205. Thank you.

**COME LET US ADORE HIM:** Adoration continues as usual during the Christmas season (29th and 5th). You might have a little extra time to come and sit and adore. Barraduff 10am to 1pm, Glenflesk 2pm to 5pm & Clonkeen 7pm to 8pm.

**PARISH OFFICE:** The Parish Office will re-open on Monday 12th January.

**MEMORY TREE:** is on the grounds of Barraduff Church for Christmas. Memory Hearts can be purchased at Frankie's Cafe and O'Donoghue's Shop and placed on the tree. We remember loved ones with these hearts. All funds go to the Tidy Village Group to help with the upkeep of the village. On January 6th a mass will be offered for all named on the Memory Tree.

### **A NOTE FROM FR. JIM.....**

I've noticed over the years that even though we start the Christmas process (the secular kind at least) as soon as Halloween is over, we tend to move on from it very quickly. So quickly that we don't even allow ourselves to meditate on it. This liturgical year sees the end of the Christmas Season on January 11th. The Church in its wisdom, wants us to ponder deeply and reflect like Mary on the incarnation. So, to help us this year I've included a lovely meditation by the Franciscan Br. Richard Hendrick. Please take time on your own with some quiet meditative music and allow the Holy Spirit to open your heart to the wonder of Christmas. On the Edge of Waiting. Shhh. Come away a moment, my friend. Come away from the lights and the crowds, and the shops, and the noise, and the pressure, and the worries and the old wounds that winter us before our time. Come and sit with me here. Rest. Just for a moment. Let me share with you once again what we forget in our festive frenzy: He is coming... Down the long ages of despair He comes as Hope. Down the rough road of doubt He comes as Faith. Down the broken byways of the human heart He comes as Love. He is coming... Sit with me on the edge of waiting... Sit in sacred stillness... Breathe the deep breath of blessing. You do not have to do anything. He is coming... Whether you are ready or not aware or not, able or not, present or not, believing or not, He is coming... As the sun rises, as the moon shines, as the tides turn, as the stars dance, He is coming... So do not worry. Let the tyranny of tension fall from you... You never needed to carry it. Let the false face of righteous readiness to defend, dissolve. You never needed to wear it. How could you ever be ready for this? For the first proclamation of the Kingdom to be heard in a baby's cry. Nothing is asked of you but to be here and now who you are. Truly. Fully. Broken? Yes. Weak? Yes. Called? Oh yes. He is coming... And He is calling you to come to Him, as He always does, as He always will. So, how will you greet Him, the One who is coming? The One who calls you, to His crib. (Yes, you.) Will you prepare a place for Him? Will you open the cave of your heart to Him? Will you place Him in the sanctuary of your soul? Will you lay Him upon the rough straw of your life? Will you swaddle Him with your silence? Will you offer Him the gentle warmth of animal breath? Will you offer Him your love? Or not. He is coming... Do not miss the moment of Mystery's mangled birth by succumbing to Bethlehem busyness. No. Become as still as a shepherd watching the flock of slumbering sheep. Become as still as a sage watching the long dance of the stars. Become as still as Joseph hearing Angels on the edge of dreams. Become as still as she who is the still point of love's longing, filled with light, and whose silence brought forth the Word of Love. Be still and you will know He is coming... Always... In stillness, on the edge of waiting... He is coming for you... He is coming to you... Always. He is coming in Love.

